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Georgetown, Guyana

January 4, 1978



Dear [Redacted]

I refer to your letter of December 8, 1977 regarding the People's Temple Organization. I have very carefully read your letter and noted the complaints that you have made.

You should understand that I have no law enforcement authority in Guyana. If the People's Temple are in violation of Guyanese law then they will be brought to justice here. However, I cannot arbitrarily request the Government of Guyana to compel the People's Temple to return its members to the United States unless those members desire to return. I have visited the agricultural community at Jonestown and I expect to return there within one week to determine whether any members of the People's Temple wishes to return home.

I trust the above information responds to your letter. Please accept my best wishes.

Sincerely,

Richard A. Mc Coy
American Consul

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EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES
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GEORGETOWN

Dec 8, 1977

Dear Mr. Richard McCoy

I am every concerned about the condition of the Peoples that are farmal of the United States. And now is in South American (Georgetown Guyana) with the Peoples Temple Church mission. I have a nephew over their with them. And i can not hear from him at all.

I wrote more than 50 letter. did not get and answer. Just a few weeks ago we got the news that he all the other Peoples over their want to come home. that they are being kept against their will. And is being treated like slaves. and can not write home to anyone. there is noy hot water their know Sanitary of any kind their. They are just like being in a concentration camp.

he have seperated Husband from wife they can not live together and if they try to they are severly punished such punishment as putting red pepper in their anus, made to dig well and get in them. and if they want to sleep something was thrown on their head to wake them up.

I was a member of people temple here in L.A. Ca. And i know personal a lots of cruelty things that he did hear in this country. that is why i left the church. it was not a church at all it was a place to rehabilitate Black people back

to slavery with fear, mentally crippled.
even though i was threatened i could ne-
live in that. we was told that if we
left we would be caught and brought &
we was even made to sat in Church
from Eight to ten hours at a time
little children was to, with water or
food. you was not allowed to sleep at
if you did you was punished again. Service
was helded sometime all night.
and during this time people was Beat
with Board. even old Peoples as well
little childrens mother and father a
Beat before their children. and made
watch while it was being done.
they was giving two hundred lashes
sometimes ten. we thought it was to
here. but it is worst than, this is
very to explain it, the cruelty that is
put upon these Peoples.

I am ready to testify in person of all.
things I said before they are true
I said. Heart Peoples here in Los An-
with my own eyes. Five Hundred People
had to used one Bath room with a
three stall when there was five Ba-
room in that Church. we was made to
give our money. Some was even mad
give up their children, we was made to
Blank papers. we was made to have our
picture taken. he said this was like
if we every decided to leave the church
he would send this against us the law
Never tell anyone about him. and what?

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was during. because we had gave our can
and spon our money. The paper was made
give up their home. When i heard at
the condition over their. i new it was
true. before i was afraid to come to
and tell anybody for it could have been
me and my childrens' over their, but i
glad that he gave me the sence to go
out before it was to late now i can
help them that cant get out. by let
the truth about people simple church
i have prayed everyday and night for one
year that god would help us to find
a way to get these people home again
our love one and children. ~~and~~ my nephew
and a nether young man left here in
March 2, thinking they was going to
work on a mission and then was to
go to this place we have not seen to
since or really heard from them
until a few weeks ago that is when
am asking you to please help this pe
ple. i can't sleep for praying and than
about them. I know god is an over
in helped the people.